



In re application of: Sharon E. Minder et al.  
 Serial No.: 09/896,778  
 Filed: June 29, 2001  
 For: SOFTWARE AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING  
 DATABASE OPERATIONS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

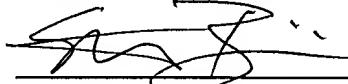
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
- A notice of appeal is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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| (Col. 1)                                      | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)                | SMALL ENTITY   | OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY  |
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| CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT     | HIGHEST NO<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR  | PRESENT<br><u>EXTRA</u> | ADDIT.<br><u>RATE</u> <u>FEES</u>                    | ADDIT.<br><u>RATE</u> <u>FEES</u>   |
| TOTAL<br>INDEP CLAIMS                         | 36    MINUS    4    =    36    =    0 |                         | x 9    \$<br>x 43    \$<br>+145    \$<br>TOTAL    \$ | OR    x 18    \$<br>OR    x 86    \$<br>OR    +290    \$<br>OR    TOTAL    \$ -0- |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |                                       |                         |  |   |

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  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

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